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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | 3608 |
| First Inventor | Thomas M. Mayers |
| Title | Abuse-Resistant Cast Acoustical Ceiling Having An Excellent Sound Absorption Value |
| Express Mail Label No. | EJ884447525US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 13] (*preferred arrangement set forth below*)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (*when there is an assignee*) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
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| First Named Inventor | Thomas M. Mayers |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | 770. |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | 770. | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 14 | -20** = 0 | | X | = 0 | |
| 2 | -3** = 0 | | X | = 0 | |
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| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | |

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Large Entity Small Entity

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 210 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 165 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 145 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 240 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 320 Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

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